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Box PATENT APPLICATION  
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Sir:

Enclosed please find an application for United States patent as identified below:

Inventor/s (name ALL inventors): James R. Gross; Brian E. Boehmer, John Erspamer, John Perry Baker

Title: ABSORBENT PRODUCTS WITH IMPROVED VERTICAL WICKING AND REWET CAPABILITY

including the items indicated:

1. Specification and 42 claims: 8 indep.; 34 dep.; \_ multiple dep.
2. ☐ Executed declaration and power of attorney  
☒ Unexecuted declaration and power of attorney
3. ☒ Formal drawings, 7 sheets (Figs. 1-9(b))  
☐ Informal drawings, \_ sheets (Figs. )
4. ☐ Assignment for recording to:
5. ☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status
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(See attached **Fee Computation Sheet**)

7. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
9. ☒ Please amend the description by inserting the following paragraph after the line containing the title on page 1:  
"This patent application claims the priority of U.S. nonprovisional patent application No. 09/495,530, filed on January 31, 2000 which is incorporated herein by reference."

Priority is claimed for this application, corresponding application/s having been filed as follows:

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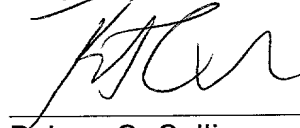
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The priority documents ☐ are enclosed  
☐ will follow.

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